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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 600 million pounds during January, up 14 percent from last year's production of 526 million pounds. December 2005 production totaled 557 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during January averaged 325,000 head, up 7,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from the December 2005 number. Production per cow averaged 1,845 pounds during January, 190 pounds more than last year and 125 pounds more than December 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from production in these same states in January 2005. December revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from December 2004.

Production per cow during January averaged 1,711 pounds, 68 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than last year and 11,000 head more than December 2005.